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### IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

#### Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing system, having a plurality of information processing apparatuses connected ~~through~~ via a data bus corresponding to a predetermined communication format, for performing ~~a~~ remote control ~~with~~ of data and various commands transmitted and received between the information processing apparatuses, comprising:

a first information processing apparatus; and

a second information processing apparatus ~~having~~ comprising:

data recording and reproducing means for reproducing data from a predetermined record medium, recording data thereto, or editing data recorded thereon,

wherein said first information processing apparatus ~~has~~ comprises:

operation information transmitting means for transmitting an operation control command to said second information processing apparatus, the operation control command causing a remote control of a predetermined operation of the data recording and reproducing means of said second information processing apparatus to be performed~~[[,]]~~; and

reserve request command transmitting means for generating a reserve request command for requesting said first information processing apparatus for a reservation of a remote control against said second information processing apparatus and transmitting the reserve request command to said second information processing apparatus~~[[,]]~~; and

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wherein said second information processing apparatus ~~has~~comprises:

receiving means for receiving data transmitted ~~from the outside through~~  
via the data bus[[.]];

response processing means for executing a predetermined process  
corresponding to one of various commands received by the receiving means so as to enable  
another information processing apparatus to perform a remote control of said second information  
processing apparatus[[.]];

local operation controlling means for locally performing an operation  
control for a predetermined operation against the data recording and reproducing means[[.]];

first reserve mode setting means for setting, as a reserve mode to be set  
corresponding to the reserve request command received by the receiving means, the response  
processing means so as to permit a remote control by said first information processing apparatus  
and prohibit a remote control by other information processing apparatuses[[.]]; and

second reserve mode setting means for setting, as a reserve mode to be set  
corresponding to the reserve request command received by said receiving means, the local  
information controlling means so as to enable a predetermined operation of those performed by  
the local operation controlling means and disable ~~other than the enabled~~ non-enabled operations,

wherein said first information processing apparatus further comprises:

reserve cancellation request command transmitting means for generating a  
reserve cancellation request command for requesting said second information processing  
apparatus for a cancellation of the reservation of the remote control and transmitting the reserve  
cancellation request command thereto.

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wherein the first reserve mode setting means of said second information processing apparatus causes the response processing means to permit all the other information processing apparatuses connected to the data bus to perform a remote control of said second information processing apparatus corresponding to the reserve cancellation request command received by the receiving means so as to cancel the reserve mode, and

wherein the second reserve mode setting means of said second information processing apparatus enables all the operations of the local operation controlling means corresponding to the reserve cancellation request command received by the receiving means so as to cancel the reserve mode.

2. (Original) The information processing system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the data bus corresponding to the predetermined communication format is an IEEE 1394 bus.

3. (Original) The information processing system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the second reserve mode setting means of said second information processing apparatus sets the reserve mode to the local operation controlling means so as to enable at least one of a record or reproduction stop operation, an eject operation for the record medium, and reproduction operations.

4. (Original) The information processing system as set forth in claim 1,

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wherein the reserve request command transmitting means of said first information processing apparatus transmits the reserve request command when the operation information transmitting means is activated and operated.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The information processing system as set forth in ~~claim 5~~ claim 1,

wherein the reserve cancellation request command transmitting means transmits the reserve cancellation request command when the operation information transmitting means is deactivated.

7. (Currently Amended) The information processing system as set forth in claim 1,

wherein said second information processing apparatus comprises ~~has~~:

bus reset detecting means for detecting an occurrence of a bus reset on the data bus, and

wherein when the bus reset detecting means has detected an occurrence of a bus reset, the first reserve mode setting means causes the response processing means to permit all the other information processing apparatuses connected to the data bus to perform a remote control of said second information processing apparatus so as to cancel the reserve mode and the second reserve mode setting means enables all the operations of the local operation controlling means so as to cancel the reserve mode.

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8. (Currently Amended) The information processing system as set forth in claim 1,

wherein said second information processing apparatus ~~also has~~further comprise:

rejection response transmitting means for transmitting a rejection response to said first information processing apparatus, the rejection response representing the rejection of the reservation of the remote control, when the operation state of said second information processing apparatus prohibits the reservation of the remote control by said first information processing apparatus as a response to the reserve request command received by the receiving means.

9. (Original) The information processing system as set forth in claim 8, wherein the reservation of the remote control by said first information processing apparatus is prohibited when the remote control of said second information processing apparatus is reserved by other than said first information processing apparatus.

10. (Original) The information processing system as set forth in claim 8, wherein the reservation of the remote control by said first information processing apparatus is prohibited when an operation control for the editing processing is being performed by the local operation controlling means of said second information processing apparatus.

11. (Currently Amended) The information processing system as set forth in claim 1,

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wherein said first information processing apparatus ~~also has~~ further comprises:

receiving means for receiving a rejection response transmitted from said second processing apparatus, the rejection response representing a rejection of the reserve request for the remote control by said first information processing apparatus~~[[,]]~~; and

presentation means for presenting that the remote control of said second information processing apparatus is prohibited, when the rejection response is received by the receiving means.

12-27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus of an information processing system, having a plurality of information processing apparatuses connected ~~through~~ via a data bus corresponding to a predetermined communication format, for performing a remote control ~~with~~ of data and various commands transmitted and received between the information processing apparatuses, comprising:

data recording and reproducing means for performing a predetermined process for reproducing data from a predetermined record medium, recording data thereto, or editing data recorded thereon;

local operation controlling means for locally performing an operation control for a predetermined operation against said data recording and reproducing means;

receiving means for receiving data transmitted ~~from the outside through~~ via the data bus;

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response processing means for executing a predetermined process corresponding to one of various commands received by said receiving means so as to enable an external information processing apparatus to perform a remote control of the local information processing apparatus;

local operation controlling means for locally performing an operation control for a predetermined operation against said data recording and reproducing means;

first reserve mode setting means for setting, as a reserve mode to be set corresponding to a reserve request command received by said receiving means, the reserve request command causing a remote control against the local information processing apparatus to be reserved, said response processing means so as to permit a remote control by an external information processing apparatus that has transmitted the reserve request command and prohibit a remote control by other external information processing apparatuses; and

second reserve mode setting means for setting, as a reserve mode to be set corresponding to the reserve request command received by said receiving means, said local operation controlling means so as to enable a predetermined operation of those performed by said local operation controlling means and disable ~~other than the enabled~~ non-enabled operations,

wherein when a reserve cancellation request command transmitted from an external information processing apparatus is received from said receiving means, the reserve cancellation request command causing the reservation of a remote control of the external information processing apparatus against the local information processing apparatus to be canceled.

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said first reserve mode setting means causes said response processing means to permit all the other information processing apparatuses connected to the data bus to perform a remote control of the local information processing apparatus corresponding to the reserve cancellation request command received by said receiving means so as to cancel the reserve mode, and

said second reserve mode setting means enables all the operations of said local operation controlling means corresponding to the reserve cancellation request command received by said receiving means so as to cancel the reserve mode.

29. (Original) The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 28, wherein the data bus corresponding to the predetermined communication format is an IEEE 1394 bus.

30. (Original) The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 28, wherein said second reserve mode setting means sets the reserve mode to said local operation controlling means so as to enable at least one of a record or reproduction stop operation, an eject operation for the record medium, and reproduction operations.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Original) The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 28, further comprising:



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bus reset detecting means for detecting an occurrence of a bus reset on the data bus,

wherein when said bus reset detecting means has detected an occurrence of a bus reset, said first reserve mode setting means causes said response processing means to permit all the other information processing apparatuses connected to the data bus to perform a remote control of the local information processing apparatus so as to cancel the reserve mode and said second reserve mode setting means enables all the operations of said local operation controlling means so as to cancel the reserve mode.

33. (Original) The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 28, further comprising:

rejection response transmitting means for transmitting a rejection response to an external information processing apparatus that has transmitted the reserve request command, the rejection response representing the rejection of the reservation of the remote control, when the operation state of the local information processing apparatus prohibits the reservation of the remote control by the external information processing apparatus that has transmitted the reserve request command as a response to the reserve request command received by said receiving means.

34. (Original) The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 33, wherein the reservation of the remote control by the external information processing apparatus that has transmitted the reserve request command is prohibited when the

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remote control of the local information processing apparatus is reserved by other than the external information processing apparatus that has transmitted the reserve request command.

35. (Original) The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 33 wherein the reservation of the remote control by the external information processing apparatus that has transmitted the reserve request command is prohibited when an operation control for the editing process is being performed by said local operation controlling means.

36-40. (Canceled)

41. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus of an information processing system, having a plurality of information processing apparatuses connected ~~through~~ via a data bus corresponding to a predetermined communication format, for performing ~~a~~ remote control ~~with~~ of data and various commands transmitted and received between the information processing apparatuses, comprising:

receiving means for receiving data transmitted through the data bus;

response processing means for executing a predetermined process corresponding to one of various commands received by said receiving means so as to enable an external information processing apparatus to perform a remote control of the local information processing apparatus;

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data recording means for receiving download data transmitted from a transmitting apparatus as an external information processing apparatus by said receiving means and recording the download data on a predetermined record medium;

local operation controlling means for locally performing an operation control for a predetermined operation against said data reproducing means;

first reserve mode setting means for setting, as a reserve mode to be set corresponding to a reserve request command transmitted by the transmitting apparatus and received by said receiving means, the reserve request command causing a remote control against the local information processing apparatus to be reserved, said response processing means so as to permit a remote control by the transmitting apparatus and prohibit a remote control by other external information processing apparatuses; and

second reserve mode setting means for setting, as a reserve mode to be set corresponding to the reserve request command transmitted by the transmitting apparatus and received by said receiving means, the reserve request command causing a remote control against the local information processing apparatus to be reserved, said local operation controlling means so as to enable a predetermined operation of those performed by said local operation controlling means and disable ~~other than the enabled~~ non-enabled operations,

wherein after the download data has been transmitted, the transmitting apparatus transmits a reserve cancellation request command for requesting the information processing apparatus for a cancellation of a remote control.

wherein said first reserve mode setting means causes said receiving means to permit all the other external information processing apparatuses connected to the data bus to perform a remote control of the local information processing apparatus corresponding to the

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reserve cancellation request command received by said receiving means so as to cancel the  
reserve mode, and

wherein said second reserve mode setting means enables all the operations of said  
local operation controlling means corresponding to the reserve cancellation request command  
received by said receiving means so as to cancel the reserve mode.

42. (Original) The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 41,  
wherein the data bus corresponding to the predetermined communication format  
is an IEEE 1394 bus.

43. (Canceled)

44. (Original) The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 41,  
wherein the transmitting apparatus does not transmit the reserve request  
command, and  
wherein said first reserve mode setting means and said second reserve mode  
setting means set the reserve mode corresponding to a download start request command  
transmitted from the transmitting apparatus and received by said receiving means, the download  
start request command representing that the transmission of the download data has started.

45. (Original) The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 41,  
wherein said first reserve mode setting means causes said receiving means to  
permit all the other information processing apparatuses connected to the data bus to perform a

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remote control of the local, information processing apparatus corresponding to a download completion request command received by said receiving means, the download completion request representing that the transmission of the download data transmitted from the transmitting apparatus has been completed so as to cancel the reserve mode, and

wherein said second reserve mode setting means enables all the operations of said local operation controlling means corresponding to the download completion request command received by said receiving means, the download completion request command representing that the transmission of the download data transmitted from the transmitting apparatus has been completed, so as to cancel the reserve mode.

46. (Original) The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 41, further comprising:

bus reset detecting means for detecting an occurrence of a bus reset on the data bus,

wherein when said bus reset detecting means has detected an occurrence of a bus reset, said first reserve mode setting means causes said receiving means to permit all the other information processing apparatuses connected to the data bus to perform a remote control of the local information processing apparatus so as to cancel the reserve mode and said second reserve mode setting means enables all the operations of said local operation controlling means so as to cancel the reserve mode.

47. (Original) The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 41, further comprising:

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rejection response transmitting means for transmitting a rejection response to the transmitting apparatus, the rejection response representing the rejection of the reservation of the remote control by the transmitting apparatus, when the operation state of the local information processing apparatus prohibits the reservation of the remote control by the transmitting apparatus as a response to the reserve request command or an equivalent command thereof received by said receiving means.

48. (Original) The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 47, wherein the reservation of the remote control by the transmitting apparatus is prohibited when the remote control of the local information processing apparatus is reserved by other than the transmitting apparatus.

49. (Original) The information processing apparatus as set forth in claim 47, wherein the reservation of the remote control by the transmitting apparatus is prohibited when an operation control for the editing process is being performed by said local operation controlling means.

50. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for an information processing system, having a plurality of information processing apparatuses connected ~~through~~ via a data bus corresponding to a predetermined communication format, for performing a remote control ~~with~~ of data and various commands transmitted and received between the information processing apparatuses, the information processing system ~~having at least comprising:~~

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a first information processing apparatus; and  
a second information processing apparatus ~~having~~comprising:  
data recording and reproducing means for reproducing data from a predetermined  
record medium, recording data thereto, or editing data recorded thereon,

for the first information processing apparatus, the information processing method  
comprising the steps of:

transmitting an operation control command to the second information processing  
apparatus, the operation control command causing a remote control of a predetermined operation  
of the data recording and reproducing means of the second information processing apparatus to  
be performed (~~as operation information transmitting step~~); and

generating a reserve request command for requesting the first information  
processing apparatus for a reservation of a remote control against the second information  
processing apparatus and transmitting the reserve request command to the second information  
processing apparatus (~~as reserve request command transmitting step~~); and

for the second information processing apparatus, the information processing  
method ~~comprising~~comprising the steps of:

receiving data transmitted ~~from the outside through~~ via the data bus (~~as receiving  
step~~);

executing a predetermined process corresponding to one of various commands  
received at the receiving step so as to enable another information processing apparatus to  
perform a remote control of the second information processing apparatus (~~as response processing  
step~~);

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locally performing an operation control for a predetermined operation against the data recording and reproducing means ~~(as local operation controlling step);~~

setting, as a reserve mode to be set corresponding to the reserve request command received at the receiving step, at the response processing step so as to permit a remote control by the first information processing apparatus and prohibit a remote control by other information processing apparatuses ~~(as first reserve mode setting step);~~ and

setting, as a reserve mode to be set corresponding to the reserve request command received at the receiving step, at the local operation controlling step so as to enable a predetermined operation of those performed at the local operation controlling step and disable ~~other than the enabled non-enabled operations (as second reserve mode setting step);~~

wherein for the first information processing apparatus, the information processing method further comprises the step of:

generating a reserve cancellation request command for requesting the second information processing apparatus for a cancellation of the reservation of the remote control and transmitting the reserve cancellation request command thereto,

wherein the first reserve mode setting step of the second information processing apparatus is performed by causing the response processing step to permit all the other information processing apparatuses connected to the data bus to perform a remote control of the second information processing apparatus corresponding to the reserve cancellation request command received at the receiving step so as to cancel the reserve mode, and

wherein the second reserve mode setting step of the second information processing apparatus is performed by enabling all the operations at the local operation



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controlling step corresponding to the reserve cancellation request command received at the  
receiving step so as to cancel the reserve mode.

51. (Original) The information processing method as set forth in claim 50,  
wherein the data bus corresponding to the predetermined communication, format  
is an IEEE 1394 bus.

52. (Original) The information processing method as set forth in claim 50,  
wherein the second reserve mode setting step of the second information  
processing apparatus is performed by setting the reserve mode at the local operation controlling  
step so as to enable at least one of a record or reproduction stop operation, an eject operation for  
the record medium, and reproduction operations.

53. (Original) The information processing method as set forth in claim 50,  
wherein the reserve request command transmitting step of the first information  
processing apparatus is performed by transmitting the reserve request command when the  
operation information transmitting step is performed.

54. (Canceled)

55. (Currently Amended) The information processing method as set forth in  
~~claim 54~~ claim 50,

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wherein the reserve cancellation request command transmitting step is performed by transmitting the reserve cancellation request command when the operation information transmitting step is deactivated.

56. (Currently Amended) The information processing method as set forth in claim 50,

wherein for the second information processing apparatus, the information processing method further comprises the step of:

detecting an occurrence of a bus reset on the data bus (~~as bus reset detecting step~~),  
and

wherein when at the bus reset detecting step an occurrence of a bus reset has been detected, the first reserve mode setting step is performed by causing the response processing step to permit all the other information processing apparatuses connected to the data bus to perform a remote control of the second information processing apparatus so as to cancel the reserve mode and the second reserve mode setting step is performed by enabling all the operations at the local operation controlling step so as to cancel the reserve mode.

57. (Currently Amended) The information processing method as set forth in claim 50,

wherein for the second information processing apparatus, the information processing method further comprises the step of:

transmitting a rejection response to the first information processing apparatus, the rejection response representing the rejection of the reservation of the remote control, when the

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operation state of the second information processing apparatus prohibits the reservation of the remote control by the first information processing apparatus as a response to the reserve request command received at the receiving step ~~(as rejection response transmitting step)~~.

58. (Original) The information processing method as set forth in claim 57, wherein the reservation of the remote control by the first information processing apparatus is prohibited when the remote control of the second information processing apparatus is reserved by other than the first information processing apparatus.

59. (Original) The information processing method as set forth in claim 57, wherein the reservation of the remote control by the first information processing apparatus is prohibited when an operation control for the editing process is being performed at the local operation controlling step for the second information processing apparatus.

60. (Currently Amended) The information processing method as set forth in claim 50, wherein for the first information processing apparatus, the information processing method further comprises the step of:  
receiving a rejection response transmitted from the second processing apparatus.  
the rejection response representing a rejection of the reserve request for the remote control by the first information processing apparatus ~~(as receiving step)~~, and  
presenting that the remote control of the second information processing apparatus is prohibited, when the rejection response is received at the receiving step ~~(as presentation step)~~.

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61-76. (Canceled)

77. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for an information processing apparatus of an information processing system, having a plurality of information processing apparatuses connected ~~through~~ via a data bus corresponding to a predetermined communication format, for performing a remote control ~~with of~~ data and various commands transmitted and received between the information processing apparatuses, the information processing method comprising the steps of:

performing a predetermined process for reproducing data from a predetermined record medium, recording data thereto, or editing data recorded thereon ~~(as data recording and reproducing step);~~

locally performing an operation control for a predetermined operation against the data recording and reproducing step ~~(as local operation controlling step);~~

receiving data transmitted ~~from the outside through~~ via the data bus ~~(as receiving step);~~

executing a predetermined process corresponding to one of various commands received at the receiving step so as to enable an external information processing apparatus to perform a remote control of the local information processing apparatus ~~(as response processing step);~~

locally performing an operation control for a predetermined operation against the data recording and reproducing step ~~(as local operation controlling step);~~

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setting, as a reserve mode to be set corresponding to a reserve request command received at the receiving step, the reserve request command causing a remote control against the local information processing apparatus to be reserved, the response processing step so as to permit a remote control by an external information processing apparatus that has transmitted the reserve request command and prohibit a remote control by other external information processing apparatuses ~~(as first reserve mode setting step)~~; and

setting, as a reserve mode to be set corresponding to the reserve request command received at the receiving step, the local operation controlling step so as to enable a predetermined operation of those performed at the local operation controlling step and disable ~~other than the enabled~~ non-enabled operations ~~(as second reserve mode setting step)~~.

wherein when a reserve cancellation request command transmitted from an external information processing apparatus is received at the receiving step, the reserve cancellation request command causing the reservation of a remote control of the external information processing apparatus against the local information processing apparatus to be canceled,

the first reserve mode setting step is performed by causing the response processing step to permit all the other information processing apparatuses connected to the data bus to perform a remote control of the local information processing apparatus corresponding to the reserve cancellation request command received at the receiving step so as to cancel the reserve mode, and

the second reserve mode setting step is performed by enabling all the operations at the local operation controlling step corresponding to the reserve cancellation request command received at the receiving step so as to cancel the reserve mode.

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78. (Original) The information processing method as set forth in claim 77, wherein the data bus corresponding to the predetermined communication format is an IEEE 1394 bus.

79. (Original) The information processing method as set forth in claim 77, wherein the second reserve mode setting step is performed by setting the reserve mode to the local operation controlling step so as to enable at least one of a record or reproduction stop operation, an eject operation for the record medium, and reproduction operations.

80. (Canceled)

81. (Currently Amended) The information processing method as set forth in claim 77, further comprising the step of:

detecting an occurrence of a bus reset on the data bus (~~as bus reset detecting step~~), wherein when at the bus reset detecting step, an occurrence of a bus reset has been detected, the first reserve mode setting step is performed by causing the response processing step to permit all the other information processing apparatuses connected to the data bus to perform a remote control of the local information processing apparatus so as to cancel the reserve mode and the second reserve mode setting step is performed by enabling all the operations at the local operation controlling step so as to cancel the reserve mode.

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82. (Currently Amended) The information processing method as set forth in claim 77, further comprising the step of:

transmitting a rejection response to an external information processing apparatus that has transmitted the reserve request command, the rejection response representing the rejection of the reservation of the remote control, when the operation state of the local information processing apparatus prohibits the reservation of the remote control by the external information processing apparatus that has transmitted the reserve request command as a response to the reserve request command received at the receiving step ~~(as rejection response transmitting step)~~.

83. (Original) The information processing method as set forth in claim 82, wherein the reservation of the remote control by the external information processing apparatus that has transmitted the reserve request command is prohibited when the remote control of the local information processing apparatus is reserved by other than the external information processing apparatus that has transmitted the reserve request command.

84. (Original) The information processing method as set forth in claim 82, wherein the reservation of the remote control by the external information processing apparatus that has transmitted the reserve request command is prohibited when an operation control for the editing process is being performed at the local operation controlling step.

85-89. (Canceled)

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90. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for an information processing apparatus of an information processing system, having a plurality of information processing apparatuses connected ~~through~~ via a data bus corresponding to a predetermined communication format, for performing a remote control ~~with~~ of data and various commands transmitted and received between the information processing apparatuses, the information processing method comprising the steps of:

receiving data transmitting through the data bus ~~(as receiving step)~~;

executing a predetermined process corresponding to one of various commands received at the receiving step so as to enable an external information processing apparatus to perform a remote control of the local information processing apparatus ~~(as response processing step)~~;

receiving download data transmitted from a transmitting apparatus as an external information processing apparatus received at the receiving step and recording the download data to a predetermined record medium ~~(as data recording step)~~;

locally performing an operation control for a predetermined operation against the data reproducing step ~~(as local operation controlling step)~~;

setting, as a reserve mode to be set corresponding to a reserve request command transmitting by the transmitting apparatus and received at the receiving step, the reserve request command causing a remote control against the local information processing apparatus to be reserved, the response processing step so as to permit a remote control by the transmitting apparatus and prohibit a remote control by other external information processing apparatuses ~~(as first reserve mode setting step)~~; and



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setting, as a reserve mode to be set corresponding to the reserve request command transmitted by the transmitting apparatus and received at the receiving step, the reserve request command causing a remote control against the local information processing apparatus to be reserved, the local operation controlling step so as to enable a predetermined operation of those performed at the local operation controlling step and disable ~~other than the enabled~~ non-enabled operations ~~(as second reserve mode setting step)~~,

wherein after the download data has been transmitted, the transmitting apparatus transmits a reserve cancellation request command for requesting the information processing apparatus for a cancellation of a remote control,

wherein the first reserve mode setting step is performed by causing the receiving step to permit all the other external information processing apparatuses connected to the data bus to perform a remote control of the local information processing apparatus corresponding to the reserve cancellation request command received at the receiving step so as to cancel the reserve mode, and

wherein the second reserve mode setting step is performed by enabling all the operations at the local operation controlling step corresponding to the reserve cancellation request command received at the receiving step so as to cancel the reserve mode.

91. (Original) The operation processing method as set forth in claim 90,  
wherein the data bus corresponding to the predetermined communication format  
is an IEEE 1394 bus.

92. (Canceled)

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93. (Original) The information processing method as set forth in claim 90,  
wherein the transmitting apparatus does not transmit the reserve request  
command, and

wherein the first reserve mode setting step and the second reserve mode setting  
step are performed by setting the reserve mode corresponding to a download start request  
command transmitted from the transmitting apparatus and received at the receiving step, the  
download start request command representing that the transmission of the download data has  
started.

94. (Original) The information processing method as set forth in claim 90,  
wherein the first reserve mode setting step is performed by causing the receiving  
step to permit all the other information processing apparatuses, connected to the data bus to  
perform a remote control of the local information processing apparatus corresponding to a  
download completion request command received at the receiving step, the download completion  
request representing that the transmission of the download data transmitted from the transmitting  
apparatus has been completed so as to cancel the reserve mode, and

wherein the second reserve mode setting step is performed by enabling all the  
operations at the local operation controlling step corresponding to the download completion  
request command received at the receiving step, the download completion request command  
representing that the transmission of the download data transmitted from the transmitting  
apparatus has been completed, so as to cancel the reserve mode.

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95. (Currently Amended) The information processing method as set forth in claim 90, further comprising the steps of:

detecting an occurrence of a bus reset on the data bus ~~(as bus reset detecting step)~~,  
wherein when at the bus reset detecting step an occurrence of a bus reset has been detected, the first reserve mode setting step is performed by causing the receiving step to permit all the other information processing apparatuses connected to the data bus to perform a remote control of the local information processing apparatus so as to cancel the reserve mode and the second reserve mode setting step is performed by enabling all the operations at the local operation controlling step so as to cancel the reserve mode.

96. (Currently Amended) The information processing method as set forth in claim 90, further comprising the step of:

transmitting a rejection response to the transmitting apparatus, the rejection response representing the rejection of the reservation of the remote control by the transmitting apparatus, when the operation state of the local information processing apparatus prohibits the reservation of the remote control by the transmitting apparatus as a response to the reserve request command or an equivalent command thereof received at the receiving step ~~(as rejection response transmitting step)~~.

97. (Original) The information processing method as set forth in claim 96,  
wherein the reservation of the remote control by the transmitting apparatus is prohibited when the remote control of the local information processing apparatus is reserved by other than the transmitting apparatus.

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98. (Original) The information processing method as set forth in claim 96,  
wherein the reservation of the remote control by the transmitting apparatus is  
prohibited when an operation control for the editing process is being performed at the local  
operation controlling step.